

LAUNCESTON'S RESERVE BANK OPENS



HOWRAH CONFIRMED FOR GARBAGE TIP

THE chairman of the Clarence Commission (Mr. C. H. Hand) yesterday confirmed the establishment of a refuse disposal area at Howrah.

He said that ultimately the area would become a reclamation reserve.

Mr. Hand said that the commission's decision to establish a refuse disposal area at Howrah had been made after most careful consideration.

Inquiries had been made of methods used in Mainland Australia and it had been found that controlled tipping was commonly and successfully employed not only in Australia, but throughout the world.

The bacteriological system which involved very high initial costs, had been attempted by the Canterbury

Council in Sydney, but had proved a complete failure.

It was abandoned more than two years ago in favour of controlled tipping.

State approval

The Public Health Department had been fully informed on the situation of the Howrah area and the manner in which the operation would be conducted.

The proposal had its complete approval, a fact which was published in the Tasmanian Government Gazette on February 22.

Mr. Hand said the Director of Public Health previously had expressed his satisfaction with the way in which the Kangaroo Bay tipping had been conducted.

That area had presented far more difficulties than the proposed area at Howrah.

The land which would be reclaimed was a low-lying swamp.

It was a breeding ground for flies and mosquitoes and completely useless in its present condition.

When reclaimed it would become a magnificent and badly-needed recreation area.

The chairman said that he was convinced that there would be no menace to health whatever, neither would the Howrah Beach be spoiled.

Strict control would be exercised from the start.

The land would be drained and fenced and access would be off the Rokeby Rd which would avoid the carting of refuse through quiet residential streets.

Dumping would not be allowed when the tip was unattended and all refuse would be covered immediately.

The chairman said the rapid residential growth in

the surrounding district made it particularly necessary to provide adequate recreation facilities.

Because of the cost it would not be possible to purchase an adequate area and therefore the reclamation of the lagoon was the only way in which such land could be acquired.

The commission would be lacking in its duty if it neglected the opportunity to create an asset from a liability.

Whatever may be argued to the contrary, there was no sensible alternative to the disposal of refuse by using it in the reclamation of land.

The chairman urged residents to put up with what would at most be a slight inconvenience for a relatively short period in the realisation that the work that was being carried out would be of permanent benefit to the youth of the future.

Co-operation

Disposal of garbage on a co-operative basis between the Hobart City Council and the Glenorchy and Clarence Municipalities was one of the suggestions put forward at a meeting of the Council of Hobart Progress

Associations on Thursday evening.

It was stated that the senior heads of departments of public bodies concerned with garbage disposal got together on a comprehensive plan; the better it would be for all people living in the fast-developing city and suburban areas.

Opposition was expressed to the tipping of garbage within the city boundaries.

The meeting decided to write to the City Council suggesting the matter be taken up with other authorities to establish one disposal centre to serve city and suburban municipal areas.

Man gaoled for six months

Kenneth Leslie Reid (39), of no fixed address, was sentenced yesterday in the Launceston Supreme Court to six months imprisonment. He had pleaded guilty before Mr. Justice Crawford to charges of housebreaking and stealing. His Honor imposed a sentence of six months on each of the two charges, to be served concurrently.

Mr. E. E. Sikk appeared for the Crown.

FORMER POLICEMAN GUILTY OF FRAUD

A FORMER Tasmanian police officer, found guilty of fraud by a jury in Hobart yesterday, has been remanded for sentence.

Mr. Justice Cox, in the Criminal Court remanded John Arthur Roy Summers (28), of Sandy Bay Rd., in custody for sentence after a jury had returned the verdict of guilty against him. The jury was absent for

an hour and 23 minutes. Summers had pleaded not guilty to a charge of false pretences. Details of the indictment were that on January 11 with intent to defraud he obtained from Leslie Gray £30 and a cheque for £30 by falsely pretending to be Dr. Correy's account, or the Correy because of his wife's

THE contemporary design of Launceston's new Reserve Bank symbolised the modern approach to banking, its Governor (Dr. H. C. Coombs) said when he opened the building yesterday, before 200 representatives of civic, commercial, farming and industrial organisations. "We hope to be the spreaders of light, knowledge, cheerfulness and gaiety so that those who talk about our economic principles are talking about principles that are underused," he added. Referring to the contemporary style and design of the bank, Dr. Coombs said no building or work of art worth its salt went uncriticised. "Whatever you may think about it you will agree that it is a pleasant place in which to work and do business," he said. The interior of the two storey building features pastel toned wall tiles and is paved with Australian marble. Tasmanian wood has been used in fittings and furniture. The Tasmanian architects, Messrs. Philip, Lighton, Floyd and Beattie, supervised construction. Pictured before the official opening are (from left), Dr. Coombs, the Launceston manager (Mr. E. R. Roberts), the manager of the Establishment Department (Mr. D. A. Tate, Sydney), and the bank's chief accountant (Mr. J. G. Menzies, Sydney).

12 MONTHS ADDED TO SENTENCES

A man who this week had been sentenced to four years' gaol, yesterday pleaded guilty to two offences and was sentenced to a further 12 months.

However, Mr. Justice Crawford ordered in the Launceston Supreme Court that the sentences, of six months on each count, be served together, and also at the same time as 18 months imposed in the same Court on Wednesday.

The man, John Merrick (24), of no fixed address, on Wednesday pleaded not guilty to charges of stealing a cheque and uttering it with intent to defraud, but yesterday he changed his pleas to guilty.

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